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SUBJ: EC-US PRESIDENTIAL DIALOGUE: AGENDA FOR POLITICAL

DIRECTORS MEETING OCT 14-15

SUMMARY: DUTCH MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN GAVE DCM ANTICIPATED AGENDA FOR MEETING OF EC9 POLITICAL DIRECTOS IN THE HAGUE OCT 14-15. FOR MOST PART HE EXPALINED, DISCUSSION WOULD BE CONTINUATION OF EARLIER CONSIDERATION ON SUBJECTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, NAMIBIA CYPRUS, MDDLE EASTERN SITUATION, CSCE, TERRORISM, TINDEMANS REPORT, US INITIATIVE ON NON PROLIFERATION AND EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. END SUMMARY.

1. SOUTHERN AFRICA: RUTTEN ANTICIPATED RELATIVELY DETAILED REPORT BY BRITISH ON LATEST TALKS IN AFRICA. HE ASSUMED ENSUING
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DISCUSSION WOULD BE OF A CONTINGENCY CHARACTER. IT WAS LIKELY TO

INVOLVE EC9 POSITION IN EVENT AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED ON INTERIM GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA, THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD LIFTING OF PRESENT EMBARGO, AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ZIMBABWE AND EUROPE, INCLUDING SUCH MATTERS AS DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND. RUTTEN ALSO SAID HE ANTICIPATED THAT EC9 WOULD AGREE TO CONTINUE TO USE THEIR CONTACTS WITH FRONT LINE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS IN INTEREST OF RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT BUT WOULD OF COURSE HAVE NO CONTACTS WITH SMITH IN RHODESIA.

2. NAMIBIA: AFTER NOTING PRESENT INCONCLUSIVE CHARACTER OF AFRICAN EFFORTS TO PRODUCE SC RESOLUTION, RUTTEN FORESAW LITTLE MORE THAN GENERAL REVIEW BY EC9. HE UNDERSTOOD BOTH US AND US WOULD VETO ANY CHAPTER VII LANGUAGE. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE THOUGHT THAT WHILE NEGOTIATIONS WERE STILL GOING ON WITH SOUTH AFRICA, IT WAS NOT THE TIME TO IMPOSE ANY FORM OF PENALTIES SINCE THERE REMAINED HOPE FOR A COMPROMISE SOLUTION. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT AFRICANS WERE CONSIDERING RESOLUTION LANGUAGE THAT WOULD AMOUNT TO SUSPENSION OF PUNITIVE ACTION PENDING DEVELOPMENTS, BUT EVEN THIS SEEMED INADVISABLE. IF AFRICANS FAILED IN SC AND TOOK THEIR PROPOSALS TO GA, HE ENVISAGED DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING EC9 UNITY SINCE HE FEARED BOTH DENMARK AND IRELAND WERE LIKELY TO GO ALONG WITH AFRICAN INITIATIVE. FOR THE TIME BEING HE BELIEVED DUTCH POSITION WOULD REMAIN AS STATED BY FONMIN VAN DER STOEL IN PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS (THE HAGUE 5430, NOTAL) BUT HE SEEMED TO BE SOMEWHAT FEARFUL WHETHER DUTCH POLITICAL SITUATION WOULD ALLOW MINISTER TO STICK TO THESE VIEWS.

3. CYPRUS: EC9 WOULD BE CONSIDERING LATEST DRAFT OF SUGGESTED US PRINCIPLES. EXPERT GROUP WOULD MEET MORNING OF OCT 14 TO IDENTIFY MAIN ISSUES AND GENERALLY PREPARE DISCUSSION FOR PRINCIPALS. SO FAR THERE HAD BEEN NO REACTION FROM EC9 TO DUTCH CIRCULATION OF US IDEAS, THOUGH THERE WERE INDICATIONS OF FRENCH RELUCTANCE. RUTTEN ASSUMED POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD DISCUSS MODALITIES SUCH AS WHETHER DEMARCHES SHOULD BE INDIVIDUAL OR BY PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF EC9. OBVIOUSLY MAIN DEMARCHE SHOULD BE TO REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO COMMUNITIES, AFTER WHICH SUPPORT COULD BE SOUGHT FROM ANKARA AND ATHENS. FURTHER QUESTION WAS HOW TO PROCEED IF TWO COMMUNITIES INITIATE DISCUSSIONS ON BEHALF OF AGREED PRINCIPLES FOR A SETTLEMENT. IN THIS CASE, RUTTEN THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE CONFIDENTIAL

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PREFERABLE FOR FURTHER ADVICE TO COME EITHER FROM US AND DUTCH PRESIDENCY ACTING SEPARATELY OR PERHAPS EVEN IN CONCERT. REFERRING TO THE LATEST FORMULATION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH ASST SECY HARTMAN HAD PROVIDED TO DUTCH, RUTTEN REPEATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT STILL BELIEVED IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR TEXT TO STATE SPECIFICALLY THAT CYPRUS WOULD REMAIN NON-ALIGNED, PARTICULARLY SINCE PROSPECTIVE INITIATIVE WOULD BE BY NATO MEMBERS.

4. MIDDLE EAST SITUATION: RUTTEN EXPECTED THAT FRENCH WOULD BRIEF GROUP ON RESULTS OF THEIR LATEST EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH SITUATION IN LEBANON AND ADDED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT FRENCH INITIATIVE TO PRODUCE ANYTHING. THERE WOULD ALSO BE SOME CONSIDERATION OF GA PROSPECTS ON VARIOUS AGENDA ITEMS, PARTICULARLY REPORT ON RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. HOWEVER, EC9 MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS WOULD ALSO BE MEETING TOWARD END OF OCT FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS.

5. CSCE: EC9 WOULD REVIEW REPORT OF WORKING GROUP WHICH WAS CURRENTLY MEETING TO REFINE FURTHER POSITION FOR BELGRADE AND TO REVIEW OVERALL COMPLEX OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND VARIOUS BLOC PROPOSALS. IN AN ASIDE, RUTTEN SAID ASST SECY HARTMAN HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE EXPECTED A FAIRLY LARGE STAFF GROUP OF US CSCE COMMISSION WOULD BE VISITING EUROPEAN CAPITALS IN NEAR FUTURE AND WOULD WISH TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH COMPETENT FOREIGN OFFICIALS. HE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION IN THIS REGARD.

6. TERRORISM: EC9 WOULD REVIEW QUESTION OF POSSIBLE COMPLEMENTARY ACTION TO THAT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

7. TINDEMANS REPORT: RUTTEN EXPLAINED THAT AS CONSEQUENCE OF MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION OF BEETSTERZWAAG POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD BE CONSIDERING POSSIBLE COORDINATION ON CERTAIN SECURITY PROBLEMS. GERMANS HAD SUGGESTED THAT EXPORT POLICIES ON SALE OF ARMAMENTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE AREA FOR COMMON ACTION. FRENCH HAD COUNTERED THAT THIS POINT WAS NOT COVERED IN TINDEMANS REPORT, BUT THERE WAS CONSENSUS TO REVIEW THIS SUBJECT TO SEE WHETHER THERE WAS ANY BASIS FOR DEVELOPING COMMON APPROACH. RUTTEN NOTED THAT TINDEMANS REPORT PROPOSED COMMON PRODUCTION OF ARMS, SO ONE COULD INFER FROM THIS NEED FOR COMMON POLICY ON ARMS SALES. HIS OWN GUESS WAS THAT DISCUSSION WOULD AMOUNT TO NOTHING MORE THAN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.
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8. US INITIATIVE ON NON-PROLIFERATION: RUTTEN SAID AS RESULT OF WHAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD TOLD DUCHC DURING OCT 2 MEETING IN WASHINGTON, EVEN THOUGH SPECIFICS OF US PROPOSALS WERE STILL UNKNOWN, DUTCH BELIEVED EC9 SHOULD ADDRESS THIS SUBJECT IN GENERAL TERMS. HE MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION POSSIBLE MORATORIUM AND NEW AGREEMENT AMONG NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS THAT WOULD BE MORE LIMITED THAN LONDON AGREEMENT.

9. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE: MAIN POINT OF DISCUSSION WOULD BE WHETHER TO POSTPONE AMBASSADORIAL MEETING, AS MOST ARAB STATES APPARENTLY PREFERRED, OR TO ACCEDE TO TUNISIAN WISHES FOR DEC MEETING. HE THOUGHT DE HOOP SCHEFFERS DISCUSSIONS THIS WEEK IN CARO (THE HAGUE 5494 NOTAL) WOULD CLARIFY SITUATION. POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD ALSO DISCUSS FRECHN IDEA OF EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE

DISCUSSING POLITICAL MATTERS OUTSIDE OF COMPLEX OF MIDDLE EAST
PROBLEMS, SUCH AS LAW OF THE SEA. RUTTEN PERSONALLY SAW LITTLE
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